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**LEAVITT PRESENTS 2001 GOVERNOR'S
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER (CIO) AWARDS**

Governor Mike Leavitt today recognized the state's 2001 Governor's CIO Award winners, the state award for outstanding information technology projects. The winners of this award exemplify best practices in the design and implementation of information technology systems that promote quality in state government, and improve the delivery of state government services.

"The Governor's CIO Awards allow us to recognize the hard working professionals who work behind the scene to develop new information systems and make technology work in state government," said Leavitt. "The project teams that we honor today have made significant contributions to Utah being recognized as the Best Managed State in America."

Ten projects from various state agencies were selected for this award. The winners are:

- **The Utah State Historical Society Burials Database** – an Internet accessible, public searchable database of Utah cemeteries, people buried there, and other key information. This resource also contains other key information about each cemetery located within the state.
<http://www.dced.state.ut.us/history/Services/lcburials.html>.
- **The Department of Community and Economic Development's Grants Management Information System** - an information system for managing federal and state grants and loans
- **The Department of Human Services' TOPPS II Information System** - an information system created by the Division of Substance Abuse. TOPPS II provides a self assessment tool for substance abusers to obtain individualized treatment recommendations, greatly improving customer service support.
- **The Utah Department of Public Safety's UCJIS Transaction Integration System** – provides criminal justice information to law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The UCJIS Transaction Integration System improves customer service by providing enhanced, timely, cost effective information to Utah's state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the state. This improves officer safety and the safety of Utah's citizens.

- **The Utah State On-Line *Capitol Connections*** – an online newspaper for state employees and others published by the Department of Administrative Services. This project moved Capitol Connections to the Internet, eliminating the paper cost, saving thousands of dollars each year. Capitol Connections can be seen at <http://www.das.state.ut.us/cc/>
- **The Utah e-Sportsman Services** – an Internet accessible, on-line hunting and fishing license purchase service created by the Utah Department of Natural Resources. The application allows people to buy Utah hunting and fishing licenses over the Internet, improving customer service. Visit <https://secure.e-utah.org/serv/hfonline>
- **The Utah Renewal Express Services** – an Internet accessible motor vehicle registration renewal system created by the Utah State Tax Commission. Renewal Express provides new, on-line auto license plate renewal services. Visit <http://www.state.ut.us/rapid> to use Utah Renewal Express.
- **The Utah Election Management System** – as an Internet accessible motor voter registration system and candidate information reporting system, the system allows Utah's citizens to make informed voting choices by providing increased public availability of candidate information, such as contributors, etc. It also improved voter registration procedures. Visit http://governor.state.ut.us/lt_gover/acandidates.htm, and become a better informed voter.
- **The Utah Education Network's Web Site Redesign / Content Services Project** – re-invented the Utah Education Network web site to better meet the needs of UEN stakeholders (K-12 teachers, students, etc.). This redesigned web site provides curriculum search tools for K through 12 educators, on-line distance learning course catalogs, access to Utah's national award winning Pioneer On-Line Library, and other improved services for Utah's citizens. Your stop on Utah's electronic highway for these services is at: <http://www.uen.org>
- **The Utah State Legislature's Internet Web Sites** – is an outstanding Internet web site usable by Utah's citizens and others. The Utah State Legislature website shows current versions of Legislative bill status, fiscal information and other Legislative information. This project greatly improved customer services and the ability of Utah's citizens to keep abreast of Legislative issues. See <http://www.le.state.ut.us> to keep abreast of your personal legislative issues.